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# LONG-LENGTH SUPERCONDUCTING CABLES



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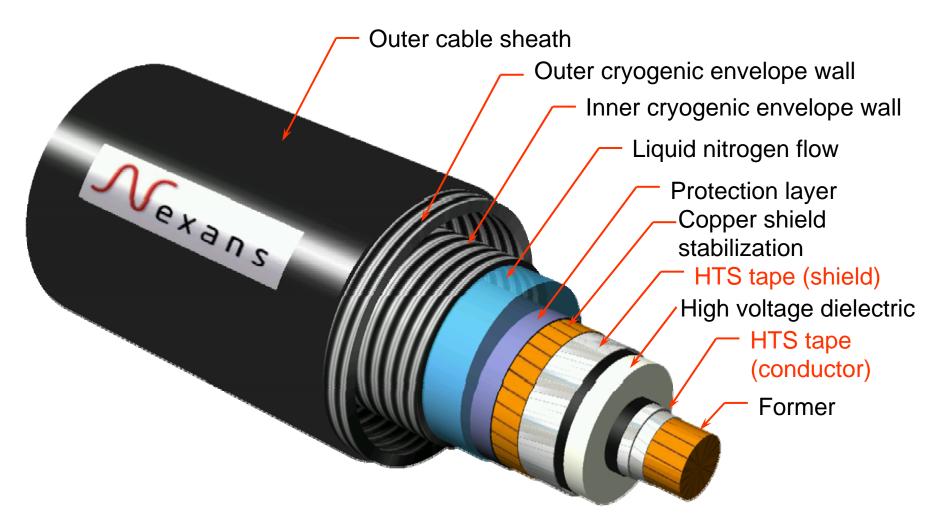


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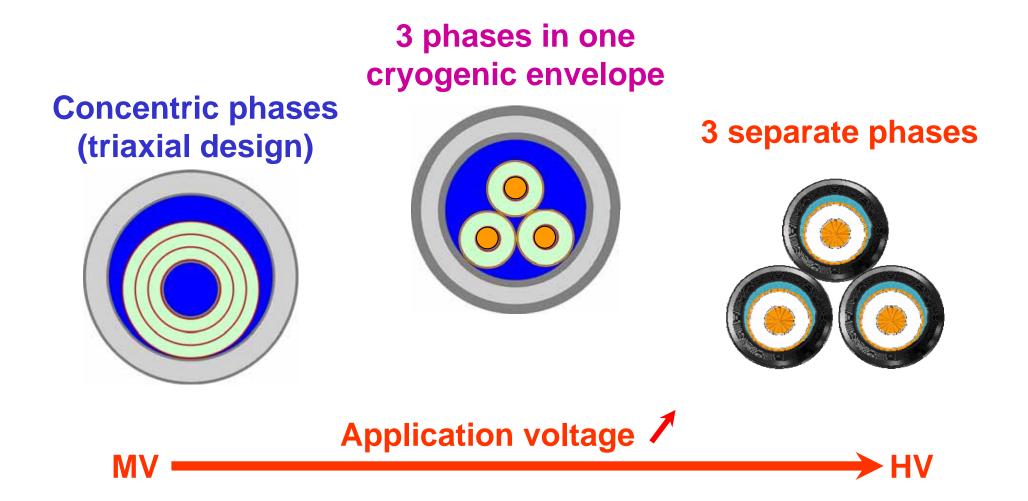
# Mexans High Temperature Superconducting (HTS) cable design

#### Low temperature dielectric inside cryogenic envelope





### HTS cables Layout alternatives



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#### Three major HTS AC cable projects in the United States

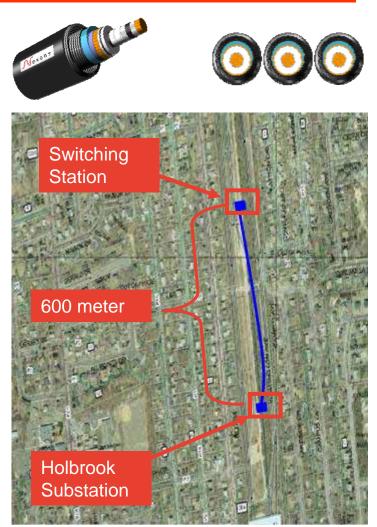
<sup>≚</sup> Cable design	Cable maker	Location	Utility	Cable characteristics	Cable in operation
	Southwire (Ultera)	Columbus (OH)	AEP	200 m / 13.2 kV / 3 kA / <mark>69 MVA</mark>	August 2006
8	Sumitomo	Albany (NY)	Niagara Mohawk	350 m / 34.5 kV / 0.8 kA / <mark>48 MVA</mark>	July 2006
	Nexans	Long Island (NY)	LIPA	600 m / 138 kV / 2.4 kA / <mark>574 MVA</mark>	2007

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## LIPA project Longest HTS cable in the world

#### World's first installation of a transmission voltage HTS cable

- 600-meter cable
- 155 km of superconducting tape
- Electrical operating characteristics:
  - 138 kV, 2.4 kA, 574 MVA
  - Design fault current: 51 kA during 200ms
  - Cable operating through low level faults
- Cable accessories:
  - Six 138 kV outdoor terminations
- Liquid nitrogen refrigeration system
- Commissioning: 2007





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### EXPECTATIONS



# Expectations MV AC project in Amsterdam [1]

Cable parameter	Value
Voltage	50 kV
3-phase current	2900 A rms
Transmitted power	250 MVA
Total length	6 km
Cable core unit length	2 km
Cable design	Cold dielectric, triaxial (concentric phases)
Cooling fluid	Liquid nitrogen
Number of cooling stations	2 (one at both ends)

[1] Presented by Nuon, NKT Cables and Praxair at JICABLE 2007



## Expectations Possible HV AC project [2]

Cable parameter	Value
Voltage	138 kV
3-phase current	2400 A rms
Transmitted power	574 MVA
Total length	10 km
Phase unit length	≥ 500 m
Cable design	Cold dielectric, one cryostat per phase
Quantity of HTS tape	2400 km
Cooling fluid	Liquid nitrogen
Number of cooling stations	3 (one at both ends and one intermediate)

[2] Envisioned by Nexans, American Superconductor and Air Liquide for LIPA



Expectations DC applications

Perfect application for HTS materials (no electrical loss)

Cable design similar to the one of the LIPA cable (terminations to be adapted)



- The HTS shield would be used as return conductor, eliminating any external magnetic field
- We could envision:
  - 20-kilometer between liquid nitrogen cooling stations
  - 2 DC cables in parallel (or a return line for the liquid nitrogen)



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## CONCLUSION





- Projects in Columbus, Albany and Long Island are paving the way for multi-kilometer HTS AC cables
- A 6-kilometer HTS AC cable project at 50 kV has been presented at JICABLE 2007
- A 10-kilometer HTS AC cable project at 138 kV is envisioned

Very long HTS DC cables can be foreseen